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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Dear Sir:

The present application was allowed on January 8, 2010. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's efforts in connection with the present application.

Comments that accompanied the Notice of Allowance (page 8) stated

All independent claims 1, 2, 14 recite, or similarly recite, in combination with the remaining elements, ... -said geographic data indexed by said single index structure are searchable for a non-spatial property of the indexed geographic data that represent the geographic features using computer-executable instructions and said third dimension of said single index structure, wherein said non-spatial property of the geographic database includes a rank associated with the geographic features represented by the geographic data, a granularity of said indexed geographic data, and a scale associated with said indexed geographic data, wherein said data that represent geographic features are organized into layers based on said rank associated with the represented features.

Applicant notes that the phrase indicated in the comments of "said geographic data indexed by said single index structure are searchable for a non-spatial property of the

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indexed geographic data that represent the geographic features using computer-executable instructions and said third dimension of said single index structure" is present in allowed independent Claim 2, but this phrase is not present in independent Claims 1 and 14. Additionally, Applicants did not argue this phrase with respect to the allowed Claims 1 and 14. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the phrase "said geographic data indexed by said single index structure are searchable for a non-spatial property of the indexed geographic data that represent the geographic features using computer-executable instructions and said third dimension of said single index structure" should not be used to construe the allowed Claims 1 and 14 of the present application.

Applicant notes that the phrase indicated in the comments of "wherein said non-spatial property of the geographic database includes a rank associated with the geographic features represented by the geographic data, a granularity of said indexed geographic data, and a scale associated with said indexed geographic data, wherein said data that represent geographic features are organized into layers based on said rank associated with the represented features" is present in allowed independent Claim 2, but this phrase is not present in independent Claims 1 and 14. Additionally, Applicants did not argue this phrase with respect to the allowed Claims 1 and 14. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the phrase "wherein said non-spatial property of the geographic database includes a rank associated with the geographic features represented by the geographic data, a granularity of said indexed geographic data, and a scale associated with said indexed geographic data, wherein said data that represent geographic features are organized into layers based on said rank associated with the represented features" should not be used to construe the allowed Claims 1 and 14 of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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